Pytest Fixtures



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Test Structure 3A:

- 1. **Arrange** Create some objects;
- 2. **Act** Simulate them
- 3. **Assert** Check the results

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Test Structure 3A:

```
def example_1(num):
   return 1
def test_example():
    parameter = 1
    expected = 1
    result = example_1(parameter)
    assert result == expected
```



Test Structure 3A: One Step Test



"If we want to remove duplication from our model code, do we want to remove it also from our test code? Maybe.."

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What is a fixture:

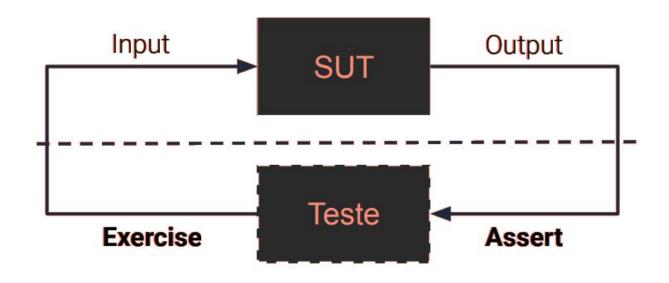
"Fixtures" are functions, which will run before each test function to which it is applied. Fixtures are used to feed some data to the tests such as database connections, URLs to test and some sort of input data. So, instead of running the same code for every test, we can attach fixture function to the tests and it will run and return the data to the test before executing each test.

Four-Phases Test (Meszaros):

- 1. **Setup:** In the first phase, we set up the test fixture that is required for the SUT to exhibit the expected behavior as well as anything you need to put in place to be able to observe the actual outcome;
- 2. **Exercise:** In the second phase, we interact with the SUT;
- 3. **Verify:** In the third phase, we do whatever is necessary to determine whether the expected outcome has been obtained;
- 4. **TearDown:** In the fourth phase, we tear down the test fi xture to put the world back into the state in which we found it.

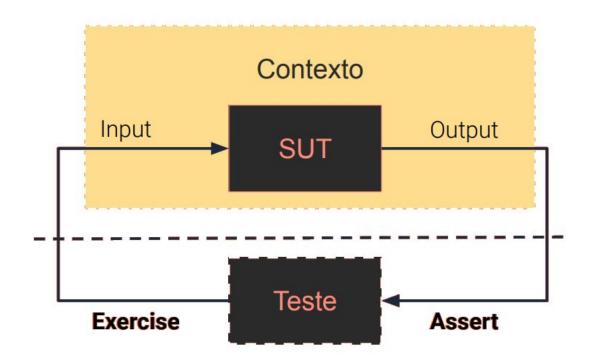


Usual Tests:

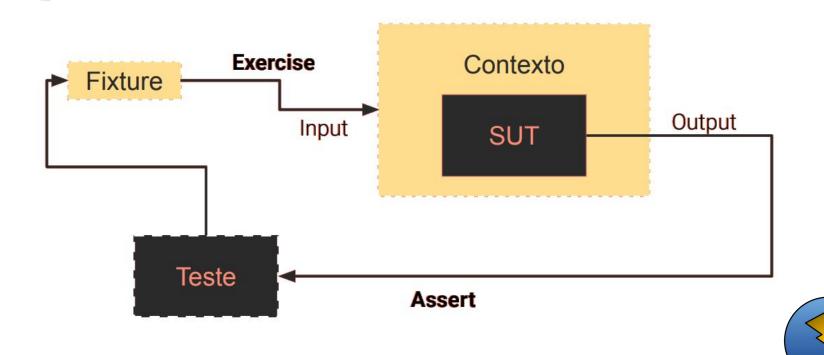




Tests using fixtures:







```
class Fruit:
    def __init__(self, name):
       self.name = name
   def __eq__(self, other):
       return self.name == other.name
@pytest.fixture
def my_fruit():
   return Fruit("apple")
@pytest.fixture
def fruit_basket(my_fruit):
    return [Fruit("banana"), my_fruit]
idef test_my_fruit_in_basket(my_fruit, fruit_basket):
   assert my_fruit in fruit_basket
```

import pytest

Autouse:

Sometimes you may want to have a fixture (or even several) that you know all your tests will depend on. "Autouse" fixtures are a convenient way to make all tests automatically request them. This can cut out a lot of redundant requests, and can even provide more advanced fixture usage (more on that further down).

We can make a fixture an autouse fixture by passing in autouse=True to the fixture's decorator.



```
import pytest
@pytest.fixture
def first_entry():
@pytest.fixture
def order(first_entry):
   return []
@pytest.fixture(autouse=True)
def append_first(order, first_entry):
   return order.append(first_entry)
def test_string_only(order, first_entry):
    assert order == [first_entry]
def test_string_and_int(order, first_entry):
    order.append(2)
    assert order == [first_entry, 2]
```



TearDown:

When we run our tests, we'll want to make sure they clean up after themselves so they don't mess with any other tests (and also so that we don't leave behind a mountain of test data to bloat the system). Fixtures in pytest offer a very useful teardown system, which allows us to define the specific steps necessary for each fixture to clean up after itself.



TearDown - yield:

"Yield" fixtures yield instead of return. With these fixtures, we can run some code and pass an object back to the requesting fixture/test, just like with the other fixtures. The only differences are:

- The return is exchanged for the *yield*.
- Any TearDown code for this fixture is placed after the yield.

Once pytest figures out a linear order for the fixtures, it will run each one up until it returns or yields, and then move on to the next fixture in the list to do the same thing.

Once the test is finished, pytest will go back down the list of fixtures, but in the reverse order, taking each one that yielded, and running the code inside it that was after the yield statement.



As a simple example, let's say we want to test sending email from one user to another. We'll have to first make each user, then send the email from one user to the other, and finally assert that the other user received that message in their inbox. If we want to clean up after the test runs, we'll likely have to make sure the other user's mailbox is emptied before deleting that user, otherwise the system may complain.

```
class MailAdminClient:
    def create_user(self):
        return MailUser()
    def delete_user(self, user):
class MailUser:
        self.inbox = []
    def send_email(self, email, other):
        other.inbox.append(email)
    def clear_mailbox(self):
        self.inbox.clear()
class Email:
    def __init__(self, subject, body):
        self.subject = subject
       self.body = body
```

```
import pytest
from emaillib import Email, MailAdminClient
@pytest.fixture
def mail_admin():
    return MailAdminClient()
@pytest.fixture
def sending_user(mail_admin):
    user = mail_admin.create_user()
    vield user
    mail_admin.delete_user(user)
@pytest.fixture
def receiving_user(mail_admin):
    user = mail_admin.create_user()
    yield user
    mail_admin.delete_user(user)
def test_email_received(receiving_user, sending_user):
    email = Email(subject="Hey!", body="How's it going?")
    sending_user.send_email(email, receiving_user)
    assert email in receiving_user.inbox
```

Deleting the sending user Deleting the receiving user

Creating the sending user

Creating the receiving user

tests_example_fixture.py::test_email_received

<emaillib.MailUser object at 0x000002DB2F8A2D10>

<emaillib.MailUser object at 0x000002DB2F928340>



Fixtures Scopes:

Fixtures are created when first requested by a test, and are destroyed based on their scope:

- function: the default scope, the fixture is destroyed at the end of the test.
- class: the fixture is destroyed during teardown of the last test in the class.
- module: the fixture is destroyed during teardown of the last test in the module.
- package: the fixture is destroyed during teardown of the last test in the package.
- session: the fixture is destroyed at the end of the test session.



Disponibilidade da Fixture:

Fixture availability is determined from the perspective of the test. A fixture is only available for tests to request if they are in the scope that fixture is defined in. If a fixture is defined inside a class, it can only be requested by tests inside that class. But if a fixture is defined inside the global scope of the module, than every test in that module, even if it's defined inside a class, can request it.

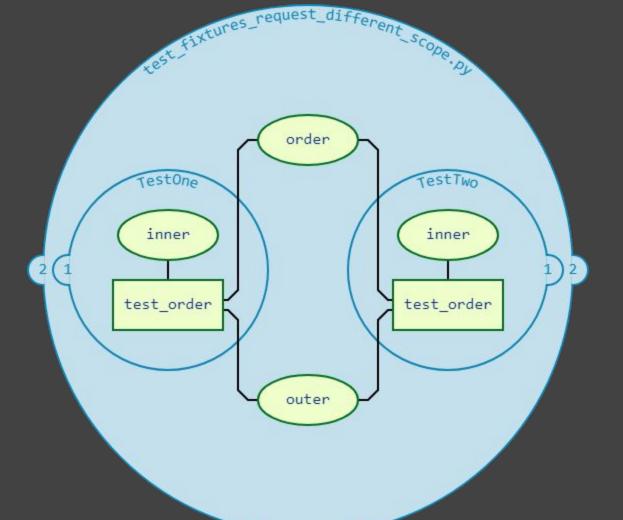
In the same way, a test can also only be affected by an autouse fixture if that test is in the same scope that autouse fixture is defined in.

A fixture can also request any other fixture, no matter where it's defined, as long as the test requesting them can see all fixtures involved.



```
@pytest.fixture
def order():
    return []
@pytest.fixture
def outer(order, inner):
    order.append("outer")
class TestOne:
    @pytest.fixture
    def inner(self, order):
        order.append("one")
    def test_order(self, order, outer):
        assert order == ["one", "outer"]
class TestTwo:
    @pytest.fixture
    def inner(self, order):
        order.append("two")
    def test_order(self, order, outer):
        assert order == ["two", "outer"]
```

import pytest





Fixtures are defined using the @pytest.fixture decorator. Pytest has useful built-in fixtures,

listed down below for reference:

capfd record_property

capfdbinary record_testsuite_property

caplog recwarn

capsys request

capsysbinary testdir

cache tmp_path

doctest_namespace tmp_path_factory

monkeypatch tmpdir

pytestconfig tmpdir_factory



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